

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, GE, US  
SUBJECT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND COVERS "OPEN LETTER" TO THE PRESIDENT  
FROM U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

REF: BERLIN 5442

1. ON MARCH 8 ND CARRIED AN ARTICLE WHICH QUOTES  
LIBERALLY FROM AN "OPEN LETTER" DIRECTED TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIAL  
AND POLITICAL REPRESSION. THE PORTIONS QUOTED ASK  
THE PRESIDENT TO REVIEW CERTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS  
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2. THE THEMES WHICH WERE PICKED FROM THE LETTER  
WERE THE SO-CALLED SITUATION OF THE WILMINGTON TEN  
AS A "VERY SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE TERRIBLE AND CONTINUAL  
LACK OF JUSTICE" WHICH THE ORGANIZATION SAYS THE  
PRESIDENT NOW HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR; THE

"VIOLENT OFFENSE" TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN INNUMERABLE FORMS BY LEGAL AUTHORITIES IN THE US; AND THE PLIGHT OF VIETNAM DRAFT EVADERS. A FINAL THEME IS THE "VERY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC CRISIS" IN WHICH UNEMPLOYMENT AND INCREASING PRICES LEAD TO AN INCREASING REPRESSION OF THE RIGHTS OF MILLIONS OF WORKERS.

3. COMMENT: THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE INDICATES CONTINUED GDR ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE US. UNTIL NOW, THE GDR PRESS HAS NOT GIVEN MMGI ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION OR IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE CURRENT COVERAGE, THEREFORE, GIVES AN UNBALANCED PICTURE BY DIRECTING ATTENTION TO THE US ONLY. UNEMPLOYMENT IS MENTIONED, AS IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE IN GDR PRESS COVERAGE OF THE US, AS A PARTICULAR AREA IN WHICH THE AMERICAN WORKING MAN'S "RIGHT TO WORK" IS DENIED. POLANSKY

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